

California Dept. of Transportation  
Environmental Planning - North  
Susan Simpson, Office Chief  
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Dear Ms. Simpson:

As a resident who lives in the adjacent hillside above the 101 freeway corridor in San Rafael, I feel a significant noise problem exists from reflective sound. Correspondence has been directed to CalTrans offices since 1987 when the parallel sound barriers were erected. This is not a new issue, just one that has yet to be acknowledged.

With the widening and gap closure of the 101 freeway through San Rafael due to begin in the near future, we strongly encourage a comprehensive sound/noise study in the directly impacted areas above the existing sound walls.

We also recommend a thorough examination of alternative materials and design to alleviate this problem of reflective noise when the sound walls are to be reconstructed, or if necessary retro-fit.

We strongly encourage your consideration in both executing a comprehensive study of the existing problem and a creative solution to avoid a similar one in the future.

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